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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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Dear John:

Replying to your letter of June 11th and confirming our discussion of yesterday, it was never intended, in the preparation of the proposed D/NRO-JCS agreement, to alter in any way the basic CIA-DoD-NRO arrangement established by our agreement of March 13, 1963. Nor did I have in mind at this time suggesting any change in the basic policy of handling reconnaissance over foreign territory which, with two exceptions -- overflights of Cuba and [REDACTED] -- are now carried out by the Operations Division of CIA except, of course, in the case of war or periods of tension.

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To the extent, however, that NRO does utilize technical and operational resources of DoD in support of reconnaissance operations, I consider it important that there be a clear-cut and well-understood interrelationship among the DoD elements concerned, particularly D/NRO and JCS-JRC. Although I believe that these interrelationships have been functioning effectively in the absence of formal agreements, I consider it necessary to spell out in written form the procedures needed to insure a continuance of this state of affairs. It is for the latter reason that the papers that I sent to you on May 29th had been prepared. In reviewing them after my discussion with you, I agree that it should be possible to achieve the same objective with simpler documentation, and to that end I am asking Dr. McMillan and Dr. Fubini to work up with the JCS a less elaborate form of paper. This agreement, of which you will of course be furnished a copy, will be in conformity with the views expressed above and in your letter of June 11th.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Honorable John A. McCone

Director of Central Intelligence

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attached to letter to
Bowwell by Silvestri
from [REDACTED]
dated 11 June 63

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